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Torkildsen et al.

Application No.: 09/526,317

Filed: March 15, 2000

Title: FLUID SEPARATION SYSTEM

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The Assignee of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/526,317, Den Norske Stats Oljeselskap A.S., hereby requests the Office of Petitions to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment mailed on September 11, 2003, received by Applicant's attorney on September 15, 2003.

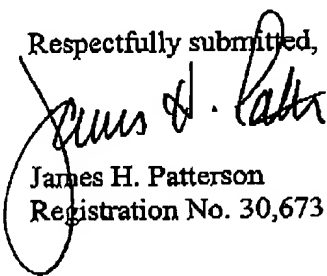
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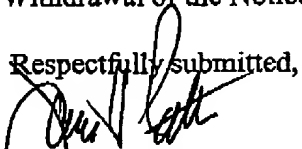
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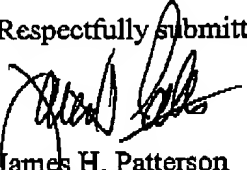
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In connection with the above-referenced application, please indicate when a response can be expected to the Petition for Withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment filed September 22, 2003 (copy enclosed).

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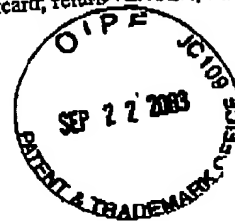
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